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SUBJECT: JAPANESE-SOVIET PLANS FOR SIBERIAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

REF: (A) TOKYO 9710 (B) MOSCOW 11458

1. FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE RECENTLY ON  
SIBERIAN PROJECTS:

A. AS ANTICIPATED REF A, NOTES EXCHANGED BY GOJ AND SOVIET  
UNION ON JULY 26 ENDORSING YAKUTSK COAL AGREEMENT SIGNED BY  
PRIVATE PARTIES, FOR WHICH LOAN AGREEMENT CONCLUDED JUNE 26.

B. AGREEMENT SIGNED BY TWO PRIVATE PARTIES JULY 31  
ON KS-II TIMBER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. AGREEMENT CALLS FOR  
JAPAN TO PROVIDE \$550 MILLION WORTH OF MACHINERY AND EQUIP-  
MENT AND CONSUMER GOODS IN 1975-78, IN RETURN FOR WHICH  
SOVIETS WILL PROVIDE 18.4 MILLION CUBIC METERS OF TIMBER  
DURING 1975-1979 PERIOD. LOAN AGREEMENT FOR PRUCHASE OF  
JAPANESE GOODS WILL BE NOGEOTIATED BETWEEN JAPAN EXIMBANK  
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AND SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE BANK. TIMBER PRICES WILL BE

DETERMINED ANNUALLY.

2. JAPAN EXPORT-IMPORT BANK PRESIDENT SUMITA RETURNED TO JAPAN ON JULY 28 FROM TEN-DAY VISIT TO SOVIET UNION. ACCORDING TO EXIMBANK SOURCE, LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE WAS CONCLUDED DURING TRIP, WHICH WAS BASICALLY INSPECTION/FACT FINDING AT SOVIET INVITATION. PRESS REPORTED THAT SUMITA GAINED IMPRESSION THAT SOVIETS WERE INTERESTED IN PROCEEDING WITH YAKUTSK GAS PROJECT ON BILATERAL BASIS IF US PARTICIPATION DOES NOT MATERIALIZE AND THAT PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S REACTION TO THIS SUGGESTION, IN CONVERSATION WITH SUMITA, WAS NEGATIVE. EXIMBANK SOURCE CONFIRMED BOTH REPORTS AND NOTED THAT TANAKA CATEGORICALLY TOLD SUMITA THAT JAPAN SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN YAKUTSK PROJECT WITHOUT US PARTICIPATION.

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